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## Local Free Produce Giveaway Evades USDA Funding Cuts

by Ellie Jornlin

Greenbelt's monthly free produce distribution, organized by the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program, is still running despite recent federal funding cuts and confusion among some residents.

Attendance at the latest distribution dropped after some community members misunderstood a previous article (see May 8, 2025 issue) about U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) budget reductions, mistakenly believing the program had ended, organizers told the News Review.

This past spring, the USDA cut over \$1 billion in funding to food banks and schools, which has caused serious strain across the country. The Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB), which provides the fresh produce for GAIL's distributions, has been affected but monthly distributions have not ended.

"It is imperative that residents continue to participate to show



The city's food distributions have seen a drop in participation.

the need for the city to continue to participate in the program," said Assistant Director of Greenbelt CARES and the GAIL Program Christal Batey.

"If our numbers do not warrant the CAFB giving the city the free produce, the program may

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## Council Approves 10-Year Plan To Electrify City's Vehicle Fleet

by Ellie Jornlin

The Greenbelt City Council voted on June 2 to approve plans to electrify the various city vehicles.

The Fleet and Equipment Electrification Plan aims "to move the City of Greenbelt away from internal combustion engine vehicles and equipment to reduce our carbon footprint to be more environmentally sustainable," according to the official proposal.

The focus of this electrification plan is from an internal perspective, directed toward city vehicles such as police, Public Works, administrative vehicles and even a trash truck. Handheld equipment, such as blowers and lawnmowers, will also be considered for electric replacements.

The plan is phased over a 10-year period, allowing the city to replace vehicles on the equipment's normal wear-and-tear life cycle and stay within the allocated budget.

"Because electric vehicles and equipment tend to cost more than gasoline vehicles and equipment, we don't want to replace equipment that is functioning right now," said Assistant City Manager Timothy George at the meeting. "As the equipment rolls over in a given year, that equipment,



An electric city vehicle charges at a station at the Greenbelt Police Department on Tuesday, June 17.

those vehicles will be looked at for electric replacements."

The timeline also allows for flexibility as new vehicle and equipment technology continues to develop. "We also want to pace ourselves, we don't want to jump too quickly into electric and find that another technology is there in the wind," said George. Greenbelt contracted ICF, a third-party firm, to complete a fleet conversion assessment to gather the data needed to create the timeline.

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## Volunteers Explore Aquatic Life In Greenbelt's Canyon Creek

by Karen Knee and Catherine Plaisant

Since March 2023 Greenbelt residents have been leading an effort to characterize the biodiversity of benthic macroinvertebrates living in Canyon Creek, a small stream that flows through the North Woods tract of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Benthic macroinvertebrates are small animals, visible to the naked eye, that live at the bottom of streams: in the mud and sand, under rocks and in clumps of sodden leaves. Not only are these creatures fascinating, but they can tell us about the overall health and vitality of the stream.

Benthic macroinvertebrates include the larval, or juvenile, stages of many types of insects, as well as some adult insects, aquatic worms, leeches and snails. Some, such as stonefly, mayfly and caddisfly larvae, are more sensitive and can only live in clean water. Others, like mosquito larvae and aquatic worms, can survive almost anywhere, even if the water is polluted. Scientists have developed metrics that assign a stream health category from poor through excellent based on which macroinvertebrate



Catherine Plaisant, Karen Knee and Charles Sajonia near Canyon Creek

PHOTO COURTESY KAREN KNEE

groups are present in the stream.

In 2023 Catherine Plaisant and Mark Christal assembled an initial team of volunteers to learn how to conduct a benthic survey. Christal provided hands-on training and, before moving to Texas, donated the net and microscope that had been used in a previous benthic survey project in Beltsville Agricultural Research Center's Beaverdam Creek. Two surveys were conducted in 2023 and 2024. More recently, the team changed

to include American University Environmental Science professor Karen Knee and her student, Charles Sajonia. With Plaisant they continued using the Creek Critters app to identify the creatures they found and assign a stream health rating. This free app was developed by Nature Forward for citizen scientists and uses a simple dichotomous key to identify the most important macroinvertebrate groups based

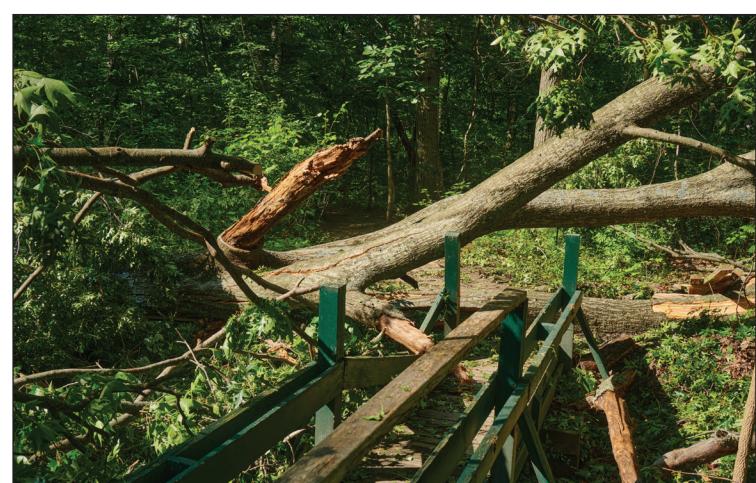
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## Heavy Rain, Storms and Then High Temperatures Hit Greenbelt

Fierce storms on Thursday, June 19 brought flooding to the Youth Center, Braden Field and St. Hugh's Church among others. The church was preparing for their annual rummage sale on the weekend and had to leap into cleanup. Falling trees caused damage in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. residential community and to apartments near Roosevelt Center, also blocking roads and the lake path.

On the back of the stormy weather came extreme heat, with temperatures in the 90s that

prompted an excessive heat warning. Greenbelt opened cooling centers at the Library, Community Center, Municipal Building, Youth Center and Police Station and urged residents to stay hydrated, limit time outdoors, check on elderly neighbors and not leave anyone in a vehicle. The city also asked residents to put out their refuse and recycling the night before collection as the crews will begin collection services earlier than usual to beat the intense heat. Highs early in the week reached 98 degrees.



A footbridge over a stream near the Hillside Road pedestrian underpass was damaged in the thunderstorm on Thursday, June 19. See page 9 for more photos from after the storm.

PHOTO BY JEFFREY ALLEN JONES

# Letters to the Editor

## I Disagree!

I greatly appreciate the work done by the Greenbelt Museum staff and volunteers. But I must take exception to the planned 10-A Crescent Road visitors' center addition. Greenbelt was intentionally designed with a great deal of green space. Each home had a cozy service side and garden side. Inevitably people wanted to expand, to turn green space into private space. So small garden side and larger end-unit additions were allowed because they made homes more modern and habitable.

But the museum block at 10 Crescent Road should reflect Greenbelt as it was built. The garden side should show the original use, a semi-private open space for a family that passersby on the path can look into. And the very important museum accessibility ramp and ADA bath-

room can easily be built inside the garage at 10-A without adding a large building on the side and end of the unit.

The instinct of every organization is to grow. Each army and each museum aspires to be bigger, better and more. One of the charms of Greenbelt is it has generally resisted this trend. Each bit of more comes at the expense of something else becoming less. In this case the less are the window to see into the garden side yard and the yard itself, features that each Greenbelt home was designed to have.

If there were an absolute need, I would say no problem. But especially a museum showcasing the less-can-be-more design philosophy of early Greenbelt should be less, not more. I believe the wisest course would be for the

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## On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

### David Attenborough: Ocean

The film takes viewers on a breathtaking journey showing there is nowhere more vital for our survival, more full of life, wonder or surprise, than the ocean. The celebrated broadcaster and filmmaker reveals how his lifetime has coincided with the great age of ocean discovery. Through spectacular sequences featuring coral reefs, kelp forests and the open ocean, Attenborough shares why a healthy ocean keeps the entire planet stable and flourishing. Stunning, immersive cinematography showcases the wonder of life under the seas and exposes the realities and challenges facing our ocean as never-before-seen, from destructive fishing techniques to mass coral reef bleaching. Yet the story is one of optimism, with Attenborough pointing to inspirational stories from around the world to deliver his greatest message: the ocean can recover to a glory beyond anything anyone alive has ever seen.

### Materialists

A young, ambitious New York City matchmaker (Dakota Johnson) finds herself torn between the perfect match (Pedro Pascal) and her imperfect ex (Chris Evans). Directed by Celine Song.

### The Life of Chuck

Charles "Chuck" Krantz experiences the wonder of love, the heartbreak of loss and the multitudes contained in all of us in a buoyant and often wonderful adaptation of one of Stephen King's more cosmically optimistic tales. The film is a departure for horror film director Mike Flanagan (Absentia, Oculus and Doctor Sleep). Based on a novella by Stephen King, it was called a "touching, beautiful film" by critic Odie Henderson of the Boston Globe.

### Nighthawks on the Blue Highway

This is the definitive film about The Nighthawks, America's hardest-working blues band. The Nighthawks inhabit the soul of blues music. Founded in Washington, D.C., more than 40 years ago by Little Walter-disciple Mark Wenner and guitar wizard Jimmy Thackery, the band thrives on its direct link to the great blues masters, having played with legends such as Muddy Waters, B.B. King, Gregg Allman, Pinetop Perkins, James Cotton and John Lee Hooker. The film celebrates the band's joyous blues music and its deep roots in Washington, D.C., while spelling out the struggles of keeping a band afloat for more than four decades. Featuring original interviews with blues legends, critics and Nighthawks past and present, the film is the first of its kind about this band with a national and international reputation.

### Paris Is Burning

This documentary focuses on drag queens living in New York City and their "house" culture, which provides a sense of community and support for the flamboyant and often socially shunned performers. Groups from each house compete in elaborate balls that take cues from the world of fashion. Also touching on issues of racism and poverty, the film features interviews with a number of renowned drag queens, including Willi Ninja, Pepper LaBeija and Dorian Corey.

### Madagascar

Alex the lion is the king of the urban jungle, the main attraction at New York's Central Park Zoo. He and his best friends – Marty the zebra, Melman the giraffe and Gloria the hippo – have spent their whole lives in blissful captivity before an admiring public and with regular meals provided for them. Not content to leave well enough alone, Marty lets his curiosity get the better of him and makes his escape – with the help of some prodigious penguins – to explore the world.



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#### David Attenborough: Ocean

(NR) (2025) (95 mins)

**Screen 1** - Main Auditorium

Sat. 8:00 PM, Sun. 1:30 PM

Tue. 8:00 PM, Wed. 5:45 PM

**Screen 2** - The Screening Room

Fri. 7:45 PM, Mon. 4:15 PM

Thurs. 7:45 PM

#### Materialists (R)

(CC) (DVS) (2025) (109 mins)

**Screen 1** - Main Auditorium

Fri. 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM

Mon. 4:30 PM (OC)

Wed. 8:00 PM, Thurs. 5:30 PM

**Screen 2** - The Screening Room

Sat. 5:15 PM, 7:45 PM

Sun. 2:30 PM, Mon. 1:45 PM

Tue. 7:45 PM

#### The Life of Chuck (R) (CC)

(DVS) (2024) (111 mins)

**Screen 1** - Main Auditorium

Sat. 5:30 PM, Mon. 2:00 PM (OC)

Tue. 5:30 PM, Thurs. 8:00 PM

**Screen 2** - The Screening Room

Fri. 5:15 PM, Sun. 5:00 PM

Wed. 7:45 PM

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Free for seniors 60 and older

**Screen 1** - Main Auditorium

Fri. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sat. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

#### Nighthawks on the Blue Highway (2016) (75 mins)

Post-film Q&A with The Nighthawks, followed by their concert at the New Deal Café at 6pm

**Screen 1** - Main Auditorium

Sun. 4:00 PM

#### Paris is Burning

(R) (1990) (78 mins)

Film in Focus event ticket includes introduction and post-film discussion in our Screening Room, popcorn and fountain drink.

To just watch the film, please purchase a regular-priced ticket.

**Screen 1** - Main Auditorium

Mon. 7:00 PM

#### Madagascar (PG)

(2005) (86 mins)

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**Screen 1** - Main Auditorium

Thurs. 1:00 PM



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# Community Events

## Creative Kids Camp Musical on July 3

Greenbelt Recreation's Creative Kids Camp invites community members to attend free, family-friendly performances on the last Friday of each two-week camp session. For this first session, the shows will be held on Thursday, July 3 to accommodate the holiday. See campers ages 6 to 12 and select staffers perform Memory Quest in Central Park, an original musical written and directed by Chris Cherry, Greenbelt Recreation's performing arts coordinator.

A group of cousins explore the famous park, hoping to retrieve memories for their grandmother, who has become frail and forgetful. The young explorers visit their grandmother's favorite places in the park, including the Carousel, the Bethesda Fountain, Belvedere Castle, the Chess and Checkers House and the Conservatory Water, with additional stops at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the outdoor Delacorte Theatre, where they see actors rehearse for a performance of Shakespeare under the stars.

Performances will take place at 10 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. in the Community Center gym on July 3. For free tickets, visit the Community Center business office or call 301-397-2208. City of Greenbelt arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council. For additional program information, visit [greenbeltdmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltdmd.gov/arts).



## GIVES Election Results

GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) held its annual membership meeting and election on June 14.

Here are the results of the election of the GIVES executive committee: president – open, vice-president – open, secretary – Patricia (Tissa) Rogers, treasurer – Mary Ann Canter, with the agreement that members of the board will take turns running the meeting and will share the work of the president and vice-president until members volunteer to serve for the remainder of the term, 2025 to 2027.

Two board members stepped down as of June 14 and the board voted to accept the following members to replace them: Mary Ann Canter and Diana Rock. The board is grateful for the service of outgoing members Mary Dawson (treasurer) and Iona King.

GIVES was started in October of 1995, making this its 30th Anniversary year. At the June meeting several members volunteered to lead a committee that will assemble historical facts, stories and photos to present during the December meeting and holiday party. Those with information that the committee could use should email it to GIVES at [givesoffice@gmail.com](mailto:givesoffice@gmail.com). If unable to email, visit the office in the senior lounge of the Community Center. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Or call 301-507-6580 to arrange for a time for drop-off or pickup. Everyone looks forward to celebrating this special anniversary.

## Free Market Clean Sweep on Saturday

The SPACE continues another Free Market Clean Sweep on Saturday, June 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Upper SPACE, Beltway Plaza (former Big Lots Store on the second level next to Shoppers World). Clothing (adults, children, baby), DVDs, housewares, toys and fitness equipment are available – all free. The SPACE is reducing its stored holdings as it transitions from the upstairs location. Bring a bag or box for take-away items.

## At the Library

All Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) branches will be closed Friday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday. All regularly operating branches will reopen on Saturday, July 5 at 10 a.m.

Greenbelt Library's regular hours are Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays noon to 8 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.

### Storytimes

Friday, June 27, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/13509316](http://pgcmls.info/event/13509316).

Wednesday, July 2, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/13749344](http://pgcmls.info/event/13749344).

Thursday, July 3, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/13749376](http://pgcmls.info/event/13749376).

### Animal Survival Skills

Saturday, June 28, 3 p.m., ages newborn to 12. What helps animals climb, fly, swim, or live on land? These are all special adaptations that help animals survive.

Come explore the amazing ways animals have developed unique traits to thrive in different environments. Get a chance to try out some of these incredible survival skills yourself. Presented by Echoes of Nature. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/13440141](http://pgcmls.info/event/13440141).

### Ride and Read

Thursday, July 3, 11 a.m., ages 16+. Get some physical activity while at the Library. Sign up for an hour ride on one of the stationary bikes with great free apps from PGCMLS like Libby, Kanopy and Hoopla to enjoy while working out. Participants must be 16 or older, sign a waiver before beginning to ride and be wearing loose-fitting clothing and closed-toed shoes. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/13730981](http://pgcmls.info/event/13730981).

### Passports

Greenbelt Library serves as a U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility. Applications are accepted by appointment only; schedule a 30-minute appointment by calling 240-455-5451 or visiting [pgcmls.info/passport-services](http://pgcmls.info/passport-services).

Customers may call the Greenbelt Library directly at 301-345-5800 for their reference inquiries and to book passport service appointments during regular Library operating hours.



## Français, s'il vous plaît: French at the Café

A group of people interested in speaking French meets at the New Deal Café every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All ages, all levels of fluency are welcome.



## March in the Parade On Labor Day

The Festival Parade will take place on Monday, September 1 from 10 a.m. to noon. The parade route is along Crescent Road, from Greenhill Road to Southway. Organizations, clubs and other groups are encouraged to participate. Visit [greenbeltlaborday.com/parade](http://greenbeltlaborday.com/parade) for more information and to register.



PHOTO BY JESS TUSSING

## Labor Day Applications For Information Day

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is now accepting applications for Information Day, which will take place between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 30 in Roosevelt Center. Organizations, clubs, businesses and other groups are invited to share information with the public. Find out more and register at [greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/information-day](http://greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/information-day).

## Greenbriar Yard Sale

Greenbriar Condominiums, located at 7600 Hanover Parkway, will host a community yard sale on Saturday, June 28 from 8 a.m. to noon.



## This Week at the New Deal Café

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TH 6/26

FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm

Isn't That So? 7 - 9pm  
A collective of DC musicians mining a mix of Americana

FRI 6/27

\*TICKET EVENT CANCELLED\*

Still Standing 8-11pm  
With Linwood Taylor, Mark Stutso and Wolf Crescenze

SAT 6/28

INTERNATIONAL PRIDE DAY

NDC JAZZ JAM, 2 - 5pm  
Magical Mystery Four Celebrates Pride 8 - 11pm  
All-female Beatles tribute band

SUN 6/29

GREEN MAN ART RECEPTION, 1 - 3pm

The Nighthawks 6 - 8pm  
DC's legendary band graces the NDC stage for a night to remember

MON 6/30

ilyAIMY 7 - 9pm  
Percussive acoustic rock band.  
Celebrating Jay Bellamy's birthday!

TUES 7/01

S.A.W. Open Mic w/ Lynn Hollyfield 6 - 9:30pm  
Sign-ups at 6pm  
Featured act plays at 8 - 8:30pm

WED 7/02

The Campfire Sessions 7 - 9pm  
A monthly "listening room" w/ Joseph P. Swelterpants

TH 7/03

FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm  
Wolf's Blues Show & Sit-in Jam 6:30 - 10pm  
Big, bodacious blues jam

New Deal Café

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More Community Events are located throughout the paper.



## Patuxent Refuge Hosts Youth Photo Contest

Youth ages 5 to 14 are invited to submit up to three photographs to Kids Click, a nature and wildlife photo contest sponsored by the Friends of Patuxent Research Refuge.

Cash prizes will be awarded for original photos to one winner and one runner-up in three age categories: 5 to 8 years old, 9 to 11 years and 12 to 14 years. Entrants can submit up to three 4 x 6 photos, with no mats or frames, from both cellphone and stand-alone cameras, by bringing them to the Visitor Center's Front Desk now through Saturday, August 2 during the Center's normal hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. They can bring three photos at once or at different times during the contest period.

The photos will be posted anonymously in the Visitor Center throughout the contest. Come often; the Friends of Patuxent encourage all to see the photos that other young people are bringing in. Judging and notification of winners will be completed by August 30.

What makes a good nature photo? Photographer Rick Dove will lead a free, short nature-photography Exploration and Discovery Walk and Talk on Saturdays June 28 and July 12 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at the Visitor Center, intended for potential contest entrants, youths ages 5 to 14. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

# Obituaries

## Alan Huff



PHOTO COURTESY ANDROMEDA HUFF

### Alan Huff

Alan Ralph Huff of Greenbelt died on Monday, June 16, 2025, after several months of hospitalization. Born in Ridley Park, Pa., in 1947 to Elizabeth Lock Huff and Ralph Robb Huff, his family moved to the Washington, D.C., area when he was a child. A life-long lover of classical music, he played tuba as a young man.

At the age of 22, Alan enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served two tours in Vietnam. An avid reader, he was very active in the Washington Science Fiction Association in the 1970s and '80s. He was co-owner of the Greenbelt video store for several years with his wife in the late '90s and enjoyed movies almost as much as books.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen (Kate) Terrell, two daughters, four grandchildren, a stepson, three step-grandchildren, his sister and many other family and friends. Visitation will be held at Collins Funeral Home, 500 University Boulevard West, Silver Spring, with valet parking available on Friday, June 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a local library.

### Katja Pottschmidt



PHOTO BY KATJA POTTSCHMIDT

Katja Pottschmidt took a final selfie at the No Kings Rally on Saturday, June 14.

Katja Pottschmidt of Southway died suddenly and far too early due to a medical condition while on a run on the evening of Tuesday, June 17, 2025. She was 54. Born on May 31, 1971 in Aurich, Germany, into a military family (her father was in the German air force), Katja grew up in Aurich and Freising, Germany; Norfolk, Va.; and Mons, Belgium, before her family settled in Balingen, Germany, where she finished high school.

Following her life-long interest in astrophysics and an affinity for Star Trek, Katja studied physics at Tübingen University, Germany, where she also received her Ph.D. Her passion for the study of black holes and neutron stars led her to postdoctoral positions in Geneva, Switzerland, and at the University of California, San Diego.

In 2007, Katja moved to

Greenbelt to work at Goddard Space Flight Center, employed through the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Here, she continued her research on black holes and neutron stars and was a member of the guest observer facilities for a large number of X-ray astronomy satellites, last as science lead of the NuSTAR guest observer facility and a member of the guest observer facility for the U.S.-Japanese XRISM mission.

In Greenbelt, Katja first lived on Lakeside Drive before joining GHI. She loved Greenbelt, embracing its cooperative culture, the walkability (she did not drive) and the alternative spirit of the town. She was a regular at the New Deal Café, almost exclusively shopped at the Co-op, always told her partner about all the news items in the News Review, frequently went to the movie theater and pool and every Sunday bought a crepe for breakfast and apples at the Farmers Market.

Her love of reading, especially science fiction, led her to be one of the founding members of Greenbelt's book club. She regularly fed the birds and squirrels in her garden, which was a great source of joy for her. Katja played Pokémon Go every Wednesday evening and whenever she was walking or running, and knew the Greenbelt woods and Greenbelt's history by heart. Young postdocs moving to the area could always rely on her showing them the city, which was her home.

Katja is survived by her loving partner of more than 20 years,

Joern Wilms, of Bamberg, Germany, who came to Greenbelt every four to six weeks since Katja moved here; her parents Juergen and Inge of Balingen, Germany; her sister Antje with partner Wolfgang and nephew and niece Mika and Ronja of Ditzingen, Germany; her family of scientists at Goddard and everywhere in the world; and all of her friends.



## Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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Bible Study: 11:15 A.M.

**Thursday Thrift Store**  
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
Open hearts, Open Minds, Open doors  
Find us on [facebook.com/mowattumc](https://facebook.com/mowattumc)  
301-474-5410  
Pastor Evelyn Romero

**Worship Service, Sundays 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**  
New Sermon Series - Campfire Stories

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
11040 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20704  
301-937-4292 [www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org](http://www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org)

Welcomes you each Sunday for  
Worship & Sunday School  
at 10:00 AM

**GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
One Hillside Road  
Join Us Sunday  
10:15 AM for Worship  
[www.greenbeltcapitalchurch.org](http://www.greenbeltcapitalchurch.org)

## ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

- Daily Mass: Mon-Fri 7:15am\*, Sat 9am\*
- Sunday Mass:
  - Sat vigil 5pm\*
  - Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
- Confessions Saturday 3pm - 4pm.

Masks for the unvaccinated encouraged.

**CELEBRATE WITH US**  
135 Crescent Rd.  
[www.sthughofgrenoble.org](http://www.sthughofgrenoble.org)



## Contemplative Prayer Group Meets Tuesdays

A contemplative prayer group meets on Tuesdays at the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, 1 Hillside Road, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. This gathering is a time to pray in silence for oneself, others and the world.

All are welcome to attend from all denominations and faith traditions. For more information, email Patience Robbins at [patience.robbins@gmail.com](mailto:patience.robbins@gmail.com).



Condolences to the family, friends and customers of Alan Huff, who died Monday, June 16. He was a movie aficionado and avid reader.

Condolences also to the many friends and coworkers of Katja Pottschmidt who died on June 17. Her postdoctoral work in several countries brought her to Goddard Space Flight Center and Greenbelt, which she loved.

Send details of your news to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

## Firefly Season Is Here

Visit the Greenbelt Firefly Sanctuary. Park at the old St. Hugh's School then cross Crescent Road to the Stream Valley Park. Follow the lighted path to reach the sanctuary. The later at night, the better the show. Do not use lights of any kind in the Sanctuary, as it disturbs the fireflies.

To encourage fireflies in your backyard allow leaf litter and plant debris to accumulate in a damp undisturbed area. Keep backyard lights out from mid-June to mid-July.

"Peace must first be established among individuals, until it leadeth in the end to peace among nations."

— 'Abdu'l-Bahá

**Greenbelt Bahá'í Community**  
[www.greenbeltbahais.org](http://www.greenbeltbahais.org)

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF GREENBELT

### Mass Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

**COME TO OUR NEW LOCATION**

Community Center Room 114

15 Crescent Rd

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**A Roman Catholic  
Intentional Eucharistic  
Community**

OR - Join us on ZOOM!  
For ZOOM link:  
[CCG1985+owner@groups.io](mailto:CCG1985+owner@groups.io)

The Bible Says...

**"Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted."**  
Matthew 5:4



**Sunday Worship Services**  
10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School  
(66 Ridge Rd.)

[MCFcc.org](http://MCFcc.org)

## Mishkan Torah Congregation

  
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Rabbi Saul Oresky, Cantor Phil Greenfield

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Friday evening services at 8:00pm

Saturday morning services at 10:00am

Offering hybrid services, online and in-person activities

For further information, call (301) 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)

Affiliated with these movements: Conservative and Reconstructing Judaism

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

Postal address: P.O. Box 676, Laurel, MD 20725  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

**Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community**

June 29, 2025 at 3:00 pm

**Right as Rain**

Anthony Jenkins with Worship Associate Anne Hoover

In the spirit of our June theme (Redemption), we'll contemplate rain as a redeeming life force of equity, clarity, community, and opportunity.

Streaming on PBUUC's Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

## City Notes

Various departments helped with the Juneteenth Community Cookout in Schrom Hills Park and the Jazz Festival in Roosevelt Center.

City Manager, Public Works and Recreation met to assess sewer repairs at the Youth Center, which had caused an extended closure of the facility.

Economic Development hosted a Healthcare Accelerator Networking Breakfast at the New Deal Café and, with CARES, represented Greenbelt at County Councilmember Ingrid Watson's Community Health Fair at Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SHLRC). Constituent Services facilitated a Spanish-language CPR class at SHLRC.

The Animal Shelter staff responded to 28 calls, working from their reopened facility, which is now hosting one young adult returned cat, an abandoned adult mom cat and her five kittens.

Arts offered a sketching class, yarn and darn, fused glass and ceramics events, and hosted Parent's Night Out. The Aquatic & Fitness Center hosted a swim meet.

For Greenbelt Station's Summer Picnic, Park Rangers set up tents and a cornhole pitch and Public Works supplied picnic tables.

## Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunch for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Meals must be reserved two weeks ahead so that enough food is ordered. Participants must complete a registration form in person at the Community Center office, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 with questions.

Two menu options, one vegetarian, will be offered for each luncheon. All meals, which provide at least one third of recommended dietary allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.

## Donate Sneakers For People in Need

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting used athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers.

A donation box is located outside the Fellowship Center (the small building behind the church) for people to drop off sneakers at any time.



# City Information & Events

*The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together, all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe, and fair.*

### MEETINGS FOR JUNE 30-JULY 4

MONDAY, JUNE 30 AT 7:30 PM, **WORK SESSION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RETENTION & EXPANSION**

Tuesday, July 1 at 7:30 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**

Wednesday, July 2, **NO COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, July 2, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, On the Agenda: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes of April 16, 2025, Council Liaison Updates, Discussion: MRF-2025-004 – Mandatory referral from the County on the renovation of 9001 Edmonston Road for an outpatient facility, Staff Updates, New Business

Friday, July 4, **ALL CITY OFFICES CLOSED**

*In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov). This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/calendar](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/calendar).*

### COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Advisory Committee on Education**, **Advisory Committee on Trees**, **Advisory Planning Board**, **Arts Advisory Board**, **Board of Elections**, **Community Relations Advisory Board**, **Ethics Commission**, **Forest Preserve Advisory Board**, **Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability**, **Park and Recreation Advisory Board**, or **Youth Advisory Committee** and make a difference in Greenbelt! Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today! Call (301) 474-8000.

### NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR ARPA PED/BIKE PROJECTS

Beginning the week of July 7, 2025, a City contractor will begin construction on new and updated pedestrian ramps in advance of Public Works installing marked mid-block crosswalks.

Construction will occur in the vicinity of the following five locations and will include removal of parking spaces both for construction and for establishing safe sight distances at the new crosswalks.

- Southway, between Crescent Road and Ridge Road
- Ridge Road, between 31 Ct. and 33 Ct.
- Ridge Road, at the pathway between 33 Ct. and 35 Ct.
- Ridge Road, at the pathway adjacent to 43 Ct.
- Hillside Road north of Crescent Road

Please contact Jaime Fearer, Assistant Director of Planning, with questions at [jfearer@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:jfearer@greenbeltdmd.gov) or 240-542-2040

### DFA Northern Prince George's County Presents FREE WEBINARS

Thursdays at 7 pm, Zoom

**Resilience & Coping Strategies for Caregivers**. June 26. Join Miriam Galindo for a discussion on strategies for maintaining emotional and physical well-being while caring for a loved one with Dementia. Gain insights into practical tools, self-care techniques, and support resources that can help you navigate the challenges of Dementia caregiving.

**GUIDE Model - Intro to Dementia Services**. July 12 Join Miriam Ronde-Ponce, for a discussion on exploring the Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) Model, designed to enhance care and support for individuals with dementia and their unpaid caregivers.

**Strategies for Improving Communication with Alzheimer's Disease**. July 26. Join Dhurti Patel for a discussion on strategies to improve communication with individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. This session will explore techniques to enhance understanding, reduce frustration, and support meaningful connection through person-centered communication.

For more information or to register, contact Brendy Maddox at (202) 670-6497 or [bgarcia@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:bgarcia@greenbeltdmd.gov).

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

By Section 3-305(b)(3) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, June 30, 2025, immediately following the Council Work Session – Economic Development Retention & Expansion, in the Municipal Building Library, 1) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; and 2) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to discuss the acquisition of real estate and 2) to consult with legal counsel.

\* The public may attend the Special Council Meeting of the City Council immediately before the closed session and observe the vote of the Council to move into the closed session on Monday, June 30, 2025.

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

### JULY 4TH FANFARE

Celebrate Independence Day with friends and neighbors at Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD:

- Bring a picnic
- Walk the lake trail
- Enjoy the playground
- Art in the Park, 4-5 pm
- Community Drum Circle, 5:30-6:45 pm
- Greenbelt Honk! Situation, 7:30-8:30 pm
- FIREWORKS, approximately 9 pm

In case of inclement weather, please call the weather and information hotline at (301) 474-0646.

### GREENBELT POLICE, PUBLIC WORKS GEARING UP FOR JULY 4TH FIREWORKS

#### Things to Know about Greenbelt's Independence Day Celebration

The fireworks display will take place at Buddy Attick Lake Park, 555 Crescent Road, on Friday evening, July 4th, at approximately 9 pm and last 20 to 30 minutes. A Greenbelt officer will be at the main gate in addition to having officers on foot patrol throughout the area. The Greenbelt Citizen Emergency Response Team will have a tent nearby, serving as a hydration station with cooling chairs, and will provide limited first aid assistance.

Please note that alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed at Buddy Attick Park. Violators are subject to arrest. For safety and security reasons, people carrying coolers and packages into the park may have them inspected. Pet owners must keep their pets on a leash at all times and pick up any droppings and dispose properly.

ALL forms of fireworks, including firecrackers, snakes, sparklers and bottle rockets, are prohibited by law in Greenbelt and throughout Prince George's County. Anyone found in possession of fireworks will be subject to arrest. Penalties include fines up to \$1,000 and/or six months in jail.

#### Traffic and Parking Concerns

The park is on Crescent Road near Kenilworth Avenue. Participants are reminded to observe all posted parking regulations. The parking lot is reserved for handicapped and elderly individuals. Vehicles must have handicapped or elderly persons on board. Handicapped tags and/or placards will not necessarily be required nor will they guarantee a parking space. Temporary No Parking signs will be posted on streets surrounding the park. Vehicles parked in these areas will be towed.

#### Traffic Control

Once the fireworks begin, there will be no inbound traffic allowed on Crescent Road from Kenilworth Avenue. When the fireworks are over, exiting traffic will be redirected outbound on Crescent Road toward Kenilworth Avenue. Traffic from Kenilworth Avenue will not be allowed onto Crescent Road until most cars have left the area. Motorists exiting the Beltway will not be allowed to proceed north on Kenilworth Avenue. Motorists heading for the Old Greenbelt area should take Greenbelt Road. These temporary changes in traffic patterns will be in place until the Traffic Supervisor determines that it is safe to resume normal traffic.

#### Calls for Information

For information in case of inclement weather, call the Greenbelt Recreation Weather and Information Hotline at (301) 474-0646. Do NOT call the police dispatcher for fireworks-related information. Police telephone lines must be kept open for emergencies or for other police-related concerns.

### JUNE'S IN-PERSON MEMORY CAFÉ: FREE TO MOVE

July 2, 2025, 1:30- 2:30 pm

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Join us for a creative and uplifting workshop where Sandra Roachford encourages you to be Free to Move and take a break from your daily routine in this spirited workshop. Register now! Contact Natalie at [ngarcia@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:ngarcia@greenbeltdmd.gov) or call 240-

### CAREGIVER NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Your feedback will help us better understand your needs and how we can support you. Scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/4e5F6ds](http://bit.ly/4e5F6ds) to get started! For more information, contact Brendy Garcia at 202-670-6497 or [bgarcia@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:bgarcia@greenbeltdmd.gov). Brought to you by Dementia Friendly America, The Maryland Umbrella Group, Prince George's County Health Department, and the City of Greenbelt.



### HOLIDAY REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

### THE GREENBELT CONNECTION WILL NOT BE OPERATING.

Week of June 30

Monday Route – Collected Monday

Tuesday Route – Collected Tuesday

Wednesday Route – Collected Wednesday

Thursday Route – Collected Thursday

Friday Route – No Collection

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, July 4.

A majority (or quorum) of Greenbelt City Council members may attend community organization meetings, but no official Council action will be taken at these meetings. Please note that meeting locations may change after being published. For information on how to join these meetings, contact the respective organization directly.

### KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

In the City of Greenbelt, we remain committed to embracing and celebrating the diversity of all. As our nation undergoes change, feelings of pride, uncertainty, and even fear may arise. Yet, we stand firm in the pledge that has defined Greenbelt since its inception and will not falter.

Learn more at <https://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/government/know-your-rights-immigration-resources#!/>

# Fun Things to Do This Summer: A Guide for Greenbelt Teens

by Yadira Reyes and Sophia Reynolds

With summer's arrival, finding fun and affordable events can be a challenge – but it doesn't have to be. Below is a list of events happening in Greenbelt and nearby that anyone can attend for free or low cost. From festivals and movie nights to water parks and more, there's something here for everyone to enjoy.

## Greenbelt

Starting the second Sunday in May and running through mid-November (not Labor Day weekend), the Greenbelt Farmers Market is held every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 25 Crescent Road. This market has locally sourced foods such as produce, baked goods, handmade items and much more. Grab a brunch to eat outdoors with friends – there is a popular grassy hill, nearby benches and Greenbelt Lake is a short walk away. Visiting the Farmers Market is a great activity to support small businesses while also exploring new foods.

The reason there is no Farmers Market on Labor Day weekend is that the city's most activity-filled summer event, the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, will take over Roosevelt Center and nearby areas. This annual event is from August 29 to September 1 this year. The Festival includes carnival games, rides, food, live entertainment, a parade, a Community Information Day on Saturday and much more. It's a fun way to celebrate the end of summer locally within the community.

To beat the heat, check out the Greenbelt Cinema's free School's Out! series of movies on Thursdays at 1 p.m. On June 26, catch Up and on July 3, it's Madagascar. The family-friendly hits continue until August 21. Visit [greenbeltcinema.org/schools-out/](http://greenbeltcinema.org/schools-out/) for the full lineup.

Later in the summer, you can buy a cheap student ticket to see some favorite musical groups on the big screen through the Cinema's Summer Concert Series, featuring some of the best recorded concerts and music documentaries. Check the Cinema's website for details, coming soon.

For a cool dip, try Greenbelt's municipal pool. Daily admission is affordable for all ages, including teens. To avoid busy times such as lessons or swim team practices, find their full schedule at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/475/Greenbelt-Aquatic-Fitness-Center](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/475/Greenbelt-Aquatic-Fitness-Center). On a smaller scale join the neighborhoods that celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5. And, of course, check this newspaper weekly for special events.

## College Park

Neighboring the University of Maryland campus, the College Park Bowlero, located at 9021 Baltimore Avenue, is a wonderful activity for everyone. This location offers unlimited bowling on Mondays starting at 8 p.m. for an affordable fee that includes shoe rental. For Tuesdays and Wednesdays the unlimited offer starts at 7 p.m., Thursdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 6 p.m. Note that lane availability is subject to change based on the number of people in attendance. Also check out Groupons that are periodically available.

With summer heat in full



PHOTO BY ANNE GARDNER

The Sunday, June 15 production of *The Comedy of Errors* at Greenbelt Park was opening night of the M-NCPPC annual free Shakespeare in the Park. Find out other performance dates and venues at [www.pgarks.com/event\\_list/shakespeare-in-the-parks-the-comedy-of-errors](http://www.pgarks.com/event_list/shakespeare-in-the-parks-the-comedy-of-errors).

swing Ellen E. Linson Splash Park is a fun outing for teens to enjoy. Located at 5211 Campus Drive, the splash park includes an outdoor pool for both children and adults and has several joyful amenities including a slide and a climbing wall. The cost is reasonable.

## Hyattsville

Hyattsville's Summer Jam Series kicked off on Friday, June 20 with a Pride Month Celebration. The series continues with a Backyard BBQ on Friday, July 18 at the City Building, 4310 Gallatin Street. Although there is no Summer Jam event in August, people are encouraged to attend National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5 at Driskell Park, 3911 Hamilton St. The Summer Jam Series comes to an end with a Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on Friday, September 19 at Heurich Park, 2800 Nicholson Street. These events offer a great opportunity to enjoy live entertainment locally and engage with the community throughout the summer at fun-filled events. Get out and hear some music for free.

## Laurel

Laurel is offering free Friday night outdoor entertainment events this summer at the Friday Flicks and Concert Series hosted at Granville Gude Park, 8300 Mulberry Street. These events are a perfect way to enjoy live music and movies. Bring a picnic or buy food from a truck or concession stand and bring a blanket or chair. Outdoor movie dates are Friday, June 27, Inside Out 2 at 8:45 p.m.; Friday, July 11, Moana 2 at 8:30 p.m.; Friday, July 18, The Wild Robot at 8:30 p.m.; Friday, July 25, The Garfield Movie at 8:15 p.m.; and Friday, August 1, The Mitchells vs. The Machines at 8 p.m. (times are

approximate; movies begin at sunset). On Friday, August 8 the Spanglish American Band will perform from 7 to 8 p.m.

## Washington, D.C.

Every Sunday at 9 a.m. start the day with free yoga in the park at the Carter Barron amphitheater, 1698 Kennedy Street NW. Guided yoga sessions suitable for all levels are offered with the goal of promoting wellness. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and bring their own water and yoga mat. Arrive early to get a good spot. Check the weather beforehand since sessions may be cancelled or rescheduled due to inclement weather.

## Bladensburg

With many teens new to the road, Bladensburg's Go Kart Track gives teens a chance to race and experiment on the road stress free for only a small fee. It's located at 4300 Kenilworth Ave. Weekday hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 8 p.m.; weekend hours are Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Have a favorite summer activity in or about Greenbelt? Send it to us and we'll let others know. Send an email to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com) or chime in [@Greenbeltnewsreview](https://www.facebook.com/greenbeltnewsreview) on Instagram or X.

*Yadira Reyes and Sophia Reynolds are students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School writing for the Greenbelt News Review. Anna Bedford-Dillow also contributed to this article.*



## Greenbriar's Spring Yard Sale

at

Greenbriar Condominiums  
7600 Hanover Parkway,  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
June 28, 2025  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Come Shop Till You Drop



# Who Should Be Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 2025?

by Tom Jones

It's the height of summer but the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival is just nine weeks away. Since 1973, the Festival includes a unique Greenbelt tradition: announcing that year's Outstanding Citizen. Greenbelt annually celebrates one of its most generous volunteers at the Labor Day Festival, on a permanent plaque in the Community Center and as Labor Day Parade Grand Marshal.



The Outstanding Citizen Committee needs your help to identify someone deserving this honor.

Nominees must be volunteers: elected officials and paid employees are not eligible. If you know someone whose efforts stand out in one or more community organizations, who shows concern for others and demonstrates cooperation, enthusiasm and leadership, send your nomination now. A nomination form is provided in this paper on page 9, or submit a letter. Nominations may be submitted until Monday, July 28 to Bob Zugby, Outstanding Citizen Committee, 94 Ridge Road, or to [OutstandingCitizenGB@gmail.com](mailto:OutstandingCitizenGB@gmail.com).

Last year's Outstanding Citizen is Cathie Meetre, who con-

tributed mightily to the News Review, Farmers Market and several other organizations. Prior Outstanding Citizens have been involved in a wide variety of volunteer work, including supporting sports, youth groups and senior citizen programs. Most importantly, Outstanding Citizens make Greenbelt a better place. This is the time to recognize their contributions.

The 2025 Outstanding Citizen will be announced the evening of Friday, August 29 near the start of the Labor Day Festival. Local businesses have donated prizes for the winner, and local officials are ready to proclaim the accomplishments of one of our neighbors. Help the committee identify them with your nomination.

If you've nominated someone not chosen in a prior year, don't be discouraged – just try again. You may wish to include a deeper description of your nominee's volunteer experience, or letters of support from more people. The committee receives many excellent nominations each year, but must choose only one recipient. Submit your nomination now to ensure they're considered for this important community tradition.

## ERHS Victoria Patch Is History Teacher of the Year

Victoria Patch was named Prince George's County Teacher of the Year at Maryland History Day (MHD) on May 4. Patch is the U.S. history teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and advisor for the MHD program at Greenbelt schools.

MHD, a program of Maryland Humanities and an affiliate of National History Day, encourages students in 6th through 12th grades to explore a historical

topic of their choice based on the annual theme, which this year was Rights and Responsibilities in History. Students create an exhibit, performance, research paper, documentary or website which they present at a school competition and may progress to regional, state and national levels.

More than 28,000 Maryland students participated at the school level in 2024.

## KIDS CLICK!

**A Youth Summer Nature Photo Contest at Patuxent Research Refuge**



### FREE TO ENTER; CASH PRIZES!

#### Photo Contest Entry Guidelines

To enter the contest, bring your parent/guardian and 1-3 original 4" x 6" photos (no mats, frames, or names on fronts) to the front desk at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, Patuxent Research Refuge.

#### Submission Hours:

Wednesday to Saturday: 10 AM - 4 PM

Closed on federal holidays

Ages 5-14

You can submit all three photos in one visit or bring one per visit during the contest period



**CONTEST RUNS FROM: JUNE 14 - AUG. 2, 2025**



**Not sure what makes a good nature photo? Join us for a nature-photo discovery walk & talk**

Date: June 28 and July 12

Time: 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM

Location: National Wildlife Visitor Center  
(under 18, with adult supervision)

# Community Gathers to Embrace Peace and Justice Through Song

by Amy and Eileen Murray-Kraft



On stage, Mike Hummel, Françoise Becker, Katrina Boverman, Eileen Murray-Kraft, Amy Murray-Kraft and Alphonso Tate

On May 17 at 3 p.m. in a heartfelt demonstration of unity and purpose, community members gathered at the Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church to sing for peace and justice. This event, organized with the vision of transforming the challenging and often tumultuous energy of current events into something positive and peaceful, marked a significant moment for the attendees and the broader community. Look for it to be aired on Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) and GATE's YouTube channel.

Following the sing-along, a group embarked on a symbolic walk to Roosevelt Center, a journey intended to symbolize the spread of peace and justice throughout the community. Once at the Center, the sing-along continued with We Shall Overcome, Hard Times, Come Again No

More, We Shall Not Be Moved and concluded with This Land Is Your Land. Participants carried with them not only the inspiration drawn from the event but a renewed determination to make a tangible difference in their surroundings.

One of the most remarkable aspects of the event was the emphasis on inclusivity. Over 50 individuals contributed their voices, demonstrating the strength that lies in unity and diversity. Whether through words, music, tears or simple gestures of solidarity, every participant played a vital role in shaping the event's atmosphere of hope and goodwill.

The impact of the event extended far beyond its immediate participants. By fostering a space for dialogue, creativity and shared purpose, the gathering inspired attendees to carry forward the

ideals of peace and justice.

The organizers of this impactful gathering, Amy and Eileen Murray-Kraft, hope to make it a recurring event, providing an ongoing platform for individuals to come together in pursuit of peace and justice. By welcoming musicians, singers, activists and all who share the vision, they aim to create a tradition that not only uplifts the community but also serves as a beacon of inspiration for others.

The next event will be held at Roosevelt Center in front of the Mother and Child statue on Sunday, September 21 at 2 p.m. to celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace. Sing For Unity, a worldwide musical movement, will offer a place to join voices with the world to promote unity, community and peace across the globe.

## Dora Kennedy Sweeps First Place In Countywide Math Competition

Dora Kennedy French Immersion (DKFI) students have made their mark in mathematics by taking first place across every elementary grade level (third to fifth) in the recent Aretelabs Online Math Competition, a new countywide initiative designed to promote critical thinking and problem-solving among students.

The online competition, held over eight weeks and involving 30 participating schools, marked its pilot year with enthusiastic involvement from students and staff across Prince George's County Public Schools. In a stunning achievement, DKFI emerged as the Spring Tournament Champion, earning top honors in all competing grade levels.

"This is an outstanding achievement for our students," said Principal James Spence. "It demonstrates not only their academic talent but also the dedication of our phenomenal math teachers who coached and encouraged them throughout the competition."

Special recognition goes to DKFI's teacher coaches: Peace Segbor, Urbain Adjallah, Paul Chomnou and Marie Kameni, whose guidance and enthusiasm played a pivotal role in student success. Their leadership, along with the support of Georges Akolo and Marc Yougnia, who



DKFI's third grade class that performed best in the competition was recognized at a recent Honor Roll Assembly. The school's students in third, fourth and fifth grade each came in first place in the county-wide competition.

coached middle school students, ensured high participation and engagement throughout the event.

The competition was designed with clear educational goals in mind:

Enhance Problem-solving Skills: Challenge students to think analytically and creatively.

Boost Confidence: Encourage risk-taking and resilience through friendly competition.

Foster a Love for Learning: Make math exciting, dynamic and fun.

As the next tournament kicks off during the 2025-26 school

year, DKFI remains committed to cultivating a culture of excellence in mathematics. All third- through eighth-grade students have been registered to participate in that seven-week competition.

Spence added, "We are incredibly proud of our students and teachers. Their performance showcases the academic rigor and collaborative spirit that define Dora Kennedy French Immersion."

*The information for this article came from a school press release.*

## Greenbelt's Student Honor Musicians Perform in First Concert Since Covid



The PGCPS Middle School Honor Band, directed by Krystal Williams, performs at Fairmont Heights High School.

- Photos by Anna Bedford-Dillow



The PGCPS Middle School Honor Orchestra performs their 2025 concert, directed by Jennifer Murray.

On May 3, the Prince George's County Public Schools Middle School Honor Orchestra and Honor Band performed at Fairmont Heights High School in Landover. The honor musicians were drawn from students across the county, selected via auditions. It was the first of such performances since the Covid pandemic shutdowns.

The Honor Orchestra, directed by Jennifer Murray of Beltsville Academy, performed Doug Spata's Gargoyles, Gustav Holst's "Jupiter" from The Planets and Soon Hee Newbold's Viking. The Honor Band, directed by Krystal Williams of Suitland High, performed William Owens' Summit Fanfare, Adrian B. Sims' Uniquely You and Randall Standridge's Blue Sky Horizon. Hannah Mook, orchestra

director at Greenbelt Middle School, also performed as part of a staff string quartet and served as one of two staff orchestra managers.



**Kim Kash**  
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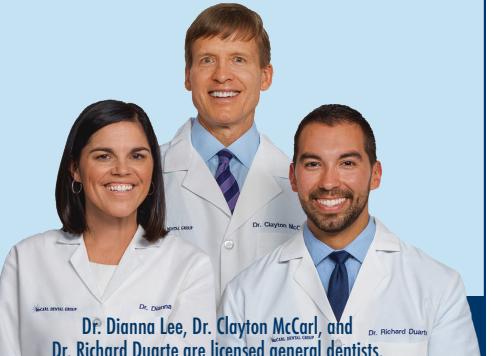
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end if there is a lack of participation."

GAIL's food distribution service offers shelf-stable items and seasonal produce to Greenbelt residents in need. In addition, perishable fruit and vegetables will be offered subject to availability. The next distributions will take place at the Community Center on July 17 and August 21 at 1 p.m. while supplies last.

"The GAIL Program currently offers a drive-thru distribution, deliveries to homebound residents through our partnership with GIVES, a walk-up table, door delivery to Green Ridge House residents and a distribution at Springhill Lake Recreation Center all on the same day," said Batey.

To receive food, residents need a CAFB card, which helps GAIL track participation and tailor food options to dietary and cultural needs. The card registration is free at distributions or by stopping by the GAIL office Mon-

day to Thursday between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Interested Greenbelt residents are encouraged to volunteer by assisting staff at Springhill Lake and Green Ridge House to deliver door to door. Call Flora Li, Green Ridge House service coordinator, at 301-412-2480 to volunteer.

GAIL staff stress that the program's continuation depends on the community showing up.

"We know how important the Food Distribution is, and we're committed to continuing to serve the community. It's important to know that we can only continue this program if there is enough community participation and need," said GAIL Community Outreach Coordinator Katherine Farzin. "So, if you or someone you know could benefit,



Food remaining as the June distribution winds down on June 17

please come by or share this program with others!"

*Ellie Jornlin is a University of Maryland student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism interning with the Greenbelt News Review.*

## AQUATIC LIFE continued from page 1

on characteristics like whether the creature has a shell or how many legs it has. It also includes pictures. The team finished the third survey in May, just in time for Sajonia's graduation.

Macroinvertebrates from the "most sensitive" and "sensitive" groups, including dragonfly, mayfly and cranefly larvae, were found during almost every sampling event. One of the most interesting is the casemaker caddisfly larva, which builds its own shell out of materials it finds in the environment, such as sand, small pebbles, and scraps of tree bark. The survey team has also found small fish, frogs, amphibian eggs and salamanders of various sizes. These vertebrate animals don't officially impact the stream health score – which has ranged from fair to good on different days – but their presence suggests that the water is clean and well-oxygenated, since amphibians are sensitive to pollution and low oxygen levels. These results are reassuring for a small creek receiving a large amount of stormwater from Ridge and Laurel Hill Roads. The creek's watershed includes Greenbelt Homes, Inc. homes and yards as well as part of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve, so land use and management decisions in both of these areas affect it.

Plaisant and Knee hope to continue sampling in the coming months to confirm the results.



Dragonfly larva, enlarged under a microscope

## Letters cont'd from p.2

for residents and visitors alike.

**Ben Friedman**  
Chair, Greenbelt Advisory  
Planning Board

### Thanks for Coverage

A hearty thank you to the News Review for its coverage of the June 14 No Kings event and other related events since these assemblies began in February.

**Dave Miller**  
*Editor's note:* Mentioned in the Museum talk but not in the article was that 10-A's current fence and high hedge will be removed to restore the garden side to the "semi-private open space for a family that passersby on the path can look into" that the reader describes.

### Bus Changes Explained

Change ain't easy! I would like to commend Deanna Dawson and Erica Johns on their report in the June 12 issue providing details on upcoming changes to bus routes in Greenbelt and suggestions for usage of the new routes. It is apparent that the reporters put a significant amount of time and effort into analyzing the changes and identifying the many adjustments riders will need to make. Although these changes are not ideal for everyone, I am optimistic that most will offer an improved transportation experience

This is what democracy looks like!  
Plans are underway for No Kings 2.0 on July 4th.

**John Campanile for the Greenbelt Resistance Support Group**

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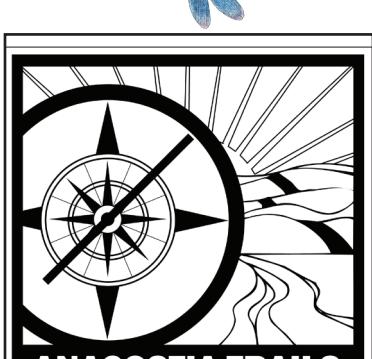
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## Incident Summary

Greenbelt Police reported one death, two mental health diversions with one involving attempted suicide, one sexual assault and one domestic incident. On June 17, an older woman who had gone missing was found and taken home.

## Robbery

On June 17 at 3:00 p.m. near 7801 Mandan Road, a man met someone to sell a pair of shoes. After the deal was concluded, the buyer demanded the money back at gunpoint and fled on foot.

On June 19 at 12:28 a.m. near 5810 Greenbelt Road, a man leaving a restaurant was getting into his car when a man approached him with a knife, stole his wallet and fled on foot.

On June 21 at 11:47 a.m. near 5707 Cherrywood Lane, a caller reported someone being assaulted near the bus stop at the Giant entrance to Beltway Plaza. The victim was uncooperative, and officers could find no witnesses.

## Burglary

On June 17 at 9:11 a.m. near 7852 Walker Drive, someone broke into a business office and laptops were stolen. Officers obtained surveillance footage of the suspect.

## Assault

On June 17 at 9:20 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, an employee at Beltway Plaza was assaulted by Beltway Plaza security.

On June 20 at 9:42 a.m. near 6002 Greenbelt Road, an employee was assaulted by a co-worker.

## DUI Arrest

On June 22 at 5:04 a.m. near Kenilworth Avenue and Old Calvert Road, a pickup truck was found in a ditch. The driver was under the influence of alcohol; he was arrested and the vehicle was towed.

## Indecent Exposure

On June 17 at 7:05 p.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a man was masturbating in public. He was arrested and taken to the Upper Marlboro Department of Corrections.

## Fraud

On June 16 near 22 Ridge Road, someone was told that they had won a car but was responsible for sending in money for the taxes. After sending the money, they did not receive a car.

## Shoplifting

On June 17 at 11:56 a.m. near 5910 Greenbelt Road, a man stole merchandise and fled on foot; at 2:01 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a juvenile was caught stealing merchandise. The store declined to prosecute but the juvenile was banned.

On June 18 at 4:25 p.m. near 5910 Greenbelt Road, a man stole property and fled on foot. Officers found the man with the stolen property and he was arrested.

On June 22 at 3:11 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a known individual stole merchandise and fled prior to police arrival; at 3:58 p.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, a man stole merchandise and officers arrested him; at 11:35 p.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, a man entered a store, concealed items and fled on foot; officers arrested him; at 3:40 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, two people stole merchandise, fled on foot from the store's emergency fire exit and disappeared into Franklin Park.

## Vehicle Crimes

### Stolen Vehicles

Four vehicles were stolen: June 19 near 9102 Springhill Lane, a 2018 black Mercedes E Class (Md. 51894CK); June 21 near 6100 Breezewood Court, a 2014 black Nissan Altima (Md. 5FL4556) and near 42 Crescent Road, a Hyundai; and June 22 near 7708 Hanover Parkway, a white 2019 Hyundai Elantra.

### Attempted Theft of Vehicles

On June 19 near 145 Westway, a Nissan Sentra had steering column damage.

On June 21 near 7809 Mandan Road, someone tried to steal a Hyundai but it was out of gas; the damage indicated attempted theft.

On June 21 near 5914 Cherrywood Terrace, a 2011 Hyundai Sonata had a broken window and ignition damage.

### Stolen Vehicles Located

On June 20 near 9125 Springhill Lane, a 2013 Hyundai was stolen and later found by officers with steering column and window damage.

On June 22 near 7720 Hanover Parkway, officers found a vehicle running unoccupied at an intersection. It was stolen from Montgomery County.

### Vandalism to Auto

On June 18 near 11 Ridge Road, a window was shattered on a 2019 Subaru Impreza. On June 20 near 9330 Edmonston Road, a Jeep Grand Cherokee was vandalized. On June 21 near 6000 Springhill Drive, a vehicle was keyed; near 8009 Mandan

Road, a Hyundai door handle was tampered with. On June 22 near 6900 Greenbelt Road, a BMW was keyed.

On June 22 at 11:05 a.m. near 7405 Greenbelt Road, a man was eating at a restaurant when someone broke into his vehicle by breaking a window.

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The assessment determined that the environmental impact of the fleet electrification is equivalent to 2,539 metric tons of carbon dioxide. "This is equivalent to taking 548 passenger vehicles off the road for a year or saving 863 tons of waste from landfills," according to Greenbelt Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll.

Councilmembers raised questions about which charging stations would be designated for

city vehicles versus public use and whether city mechanics have sufficient experience with electric vehicles.

Council voted 5 to 1 to approve the plan, with Mayor Emmett Jordan opposed and Councilmember Rodney Roberts remaining silent during the vote.

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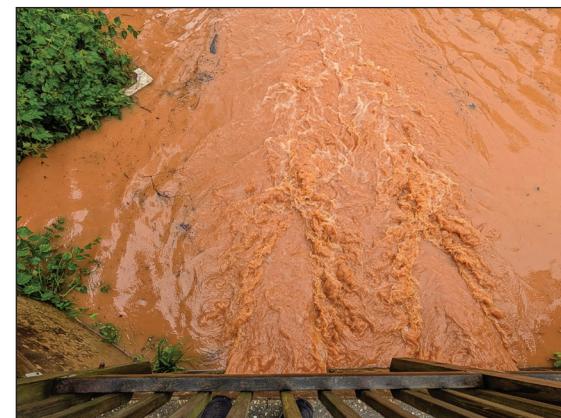
# Aftermath of the Storm



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD DILLON



A tree damaged a building in the Parke Crescent Apartments near the Co-op Supermarket during the Thursday, June 19 thunderstorm.



Runoff from construction on Greenbelt Road turned Greenbelt Lake orange last week. These photos were taken the morning of Thursday, June 19, after around 1.85 inches of rain fell in the area over 24 hours.

- Photos by Leonard Wallace

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Attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) explaining why this nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen.

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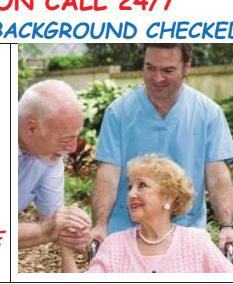
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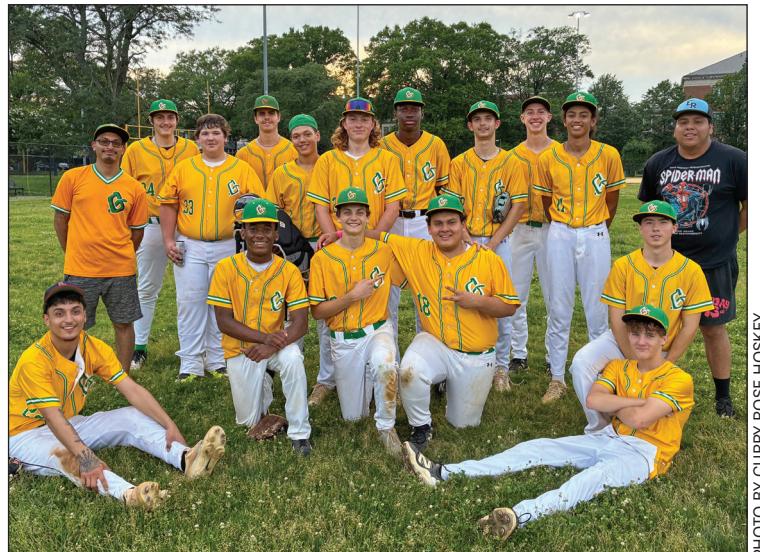
## Babe Ruth Seniors Record First Win of the Summer

by Ian Gleason

Last Friday, June 20 the Greenbelt Babe Ruth Senior Team (18U) traveled to Taft Field in Washington, D.C., seeking their first win of the season. They would not disappoint. Behind a strong pitching performance from CJ Fuller Greenbelt triumphed over the DC Knights 4-2 on a beautiful June evening.

The Junior Team (15U) played the nightcap with their game resulting in a 9-9 tie as they

reached the time limit set for league games of 1 hour and 45 minutes. José Luis Galeano started the game behind the plate with Troy White on the mound for Greenbelt. Galeano would come in to relieve White on the mound. In the bottom of the last inning Galeano worked out of a jam and stranded the would-be winning run on third base to preserve a tie for Greenbelt.



The Greenbelt Babe Ruth Seniors (18U) team after their 4-2 win over the DC Knights on Friday, June 20.



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## Barracudas Lose to Prince George's Council at Scorching Home Meet



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The Greenbelt swimmers performed tirelessly, even setting some personal records through a scorching hot meet at the pool on Saturday, June 21. There was plenty of family cheer under the canopies at the team's only home meet this summer. Unfortunately, despite their hard work, the Barracudas lost in total points to the Knights of Columbus Prince George's Council (PGC), with a final score of Greenbelt 269 and PGC 308.

The swimmers were set to compete in a "B Meet" in

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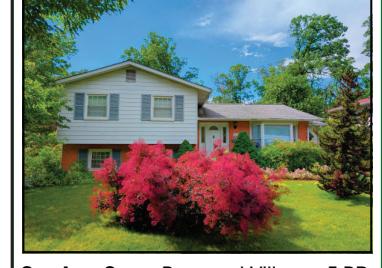
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# Busy Weekend in Greenbelt

by Matt Neufeld

It was a busy weekend for bargain hunters and treasure seekers in Greenbelt and neighboring Berwyn Heights on June 21 and 22.

Several events during the weekend offered scores of various, eclectic items of all types at steep discounts, including the steepest of all, for free.

St. Hugh's of Grenoble Church hosted one of its annual sprawling rummage sales on Saturday and Sunday in its large, downstairs community and reception room. The crowds enjoyed a bounty of goods offered for extremely low prices, most for just a few dollars.

Among the many items for sale at rows and rows of tables were a huge selection of jewelry, including rings, pendants, bracelets, earrings, watches and pins; all sorts of toys, games and puzzles; piles of clothing; rows and rows of books; household items, including utensils, silverware, mugs, glasses and kitchenware; linens; housewares; electronics; decorative items for several holidays; numerous home decorations; keepsakes; mementos; and even furniture.

One staffer said that just days before the rummage sale a storm caused massive flooding through the community room main entrance and in the community room itself. Church staff were able to clean up the water and everything was fine by the time the doors opened on Saturday.

Meanwhile, just down Greenbelt Road on Saturday, on the upper level of Beltway Plaza, The SPACE Free Art for All was having a bit of a different type of rummage sale at its soon-to-be-vacated large space in the mall, though they'll maintain their smaller spaces on the main level. The SPACE organizers were offering a variety of things for free. Sadly, The SPACE had to unload a huge amount of its inventory because the facility is losing its donated space upstairs after a great 3-1/2-year run. The mall had to ask The SPACE to leave its larger space because a new retail tenant is moving in.

The SPACE officials said they were given a month to vacate. As a result, they had to unload most of their donated items because there isn't enough space for it all at the organization's two downstairs locations at the mall, near the AMC movie theater. The SPACE officials said they were not told the identity of the new retail tenant.

Thus, visitors to the upper-level The SPACE facility, in the old Big Lots location next to Shoppers World, were in for a treat on Saturday. The SPACE organizers offered free clothing of all types for adults, children and babies; housewares; toys and games; Halloween decorations; and an enormous collection of DVDs.

The SPACE moved into its upper-level location at Beltway Plaza in the fall of 2021, organizers said. While they were sad to leave the spacious location, they were also gracious, appreciative and happy to have had the space for as long as they had it.

## Yard Sales

Just across Greenbelt Road from the mall on Saturday, the neighboring town of Berwyn Heights had a one-day



St. Hugh rummage sale

- Photos by Matt Neufeld



Shoppers browse for bargains at The SPACE.

community yard sale. Eighteen houses spread across the town were scheduled to host yard sales. Signs posted everywhere pointed drivers, pedestrians and neighbors to the various homes.

Among the items spread out on tarps, driveways, sidewalks, lawns and tables on Saturday were clothing, toys, games, mementos, keepsakes, housewares, dishes, antiques, books, electronics, costumes, jewelry, household items, tools, electronics and furniture. At one home, the family had a working cotton candy machine set up in the front yard. They were selling cotton candy for a dollar!

Organizers of the community yard sale had printed maps for the event, and those were available at some homes on Saturday.

Finally, early Saturday morning, there were face painting, music and samples at the grand opening of the new Dunkin' restaurant on Greenbelt Road. The Dunkin' location had already been in business for a few weeks, but the owners finally had their grand opening celebration.

Back at the Berwyn Heights home with the cotton candy machine, two young girls who live there and were helping with their yard sale were sporting brightly-colored face paintings. Where did they get them? At the Dunkin' grand opening, earlier in the day, of course.

Just another busy early summer day in Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights.

## Greenbelters Travel

Greenbelt resident Karen Knee poses with Mary Ellen Fieweger, founder and editor in chief of Periódico INTAG, a community newspaper that served the Intag cloud forest region in Ecuador from 2000 to 2012. They are standing outside Fieweger's house in the Intag cloud forest near the town of Santa Rosa. Knee worked for the newspaper as a reporter, translator and web manager intermittently over the newspaper's lifetime.



# Concert to Aid Greenbelt Puppeteers Delights All

by Christine Doran



Ingrid (left) and Ole Hass sing a duet by Schumann, accompanied by Elliott Chamberlin on piano.

A concert took place on Sunday, June 8, at Greenbelt Baptist Church to benefit the Hass family, which has been dealing with cancer. Ole and Ingrid Hass (creators of children's puppet theater Beech Tree Puppets) have lived in Greenbelt for the past 27 years and are an integral part of the city's musical and artistic community. That community's members came together in return to provide an evening of entertainment in their honor.

Ole Hass has been living with chronic lymphocytic leukemia for the past 13 years and for the past two years has been fighting an aggressive new cancer in his brain and spinal cord. Ole and Ingrid performed a duet in German, and Ingrid and their daughter Cecilia performed a duet

on violin. With many additional performers, the program spanned Bach to Bowie and crossed genres from classical to old time, and folk tunes to Greenbelt's home-grown musical theater (in the shape of Chris Cherry performing numbers from this year's upcoming Creative Kids Camp production).

The performances were accomplished and at times moving, the venue was filled to capacity and the evening was full of laughter and applause, ending with an all-hands-on-deck rendition of What a Wonderful World. For those who missed it, the concert will be aired on Greenbelt Access Television in about two weeks. The fundraiser has now ended, having raised over \$50,000 since February.



All the performers except the Hass family took to the stage for a communal rendition of What a Wonderful World to round out the concert. From left, Elliott Chamberlin, Jon Gardner, host Michael Cooney (at rear), Anne Gardner, Jim Heagy, John Kelley (front, on cello), Ezekiel Kelley, Caitlyn McGillen (obscured), Sarah Garcia, Brian McGillen, Padi Boyd, Melissa Sites and Chris Cherry. Stefan Brod (out of frame) is at the piano.



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